



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Dan E. Robertson et al. Art Unit : 1652
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THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due November 12, 2003. Applicants herein submit a petition for a one month extension of time to December 12, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, check and Petition for Extension of Time;
- Postcard;
- Exhibits A (USPTO written description guidelines) and B (recently issued claims);
- Abstract, Kim (1995) Genet. Anal. 12(2):81-84;
- Rule 132 declaration by Dr. Jay Short, and resume.

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